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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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TITLE OF INVENTION: MICROWAVE SWITCH HOUSING ASSEMBLY

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III. All communications regarding this application must give the application number. Please direct all communications prior to issuance to Mail Stop ISSUE FEE unless advised to the contrary.

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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 10/787,312 Examiner Dean O. Takaoka	Applicant(s) GOROVY ET AL. Art Unit 2817
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to Applicant's amendment dated August 23, 2007.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 9/28/07.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 9/28/07.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Isis E. Caulder on September 28, 2007.

In the claims, amended claims 1 and 12.

1. (currently amended): A microwave switch housing assembly for operation in a selected frequency range, comprising:
 - (a) a housing;
 - (b) a rotor rotatably mounted within said housing;
 - (c) at least one waveguide passage in said rotor;
 - (d) said housing having ports formed therein so that in a first position of said rotor, said waveguide passage connects said ports and in a second position of said rotor, said waveguide passage is unconnected to said ports;
 - (e) a channel formed within one of said housing and said rotor such that said channel is positioned adjacent to one end of said waveguide passage when said rotor is in said second position;
 - (f) a said power absorbing element positioned and secured within said channel, a side of said power absorbing element being aligned with one of the inner radius of the housing and the outer radius of the rotor being capable of absorbing electromagnetic

energy in said frequency range, so as to reduce the tendency of said waveguide passage to act as a volume resonator when said rotor is in said second position.

12. (currently amended): A microwave switch housing assembly for operation in a selected frequency range, comprising:

- (a) a housing;
- (b) a rotor rotatably mounted within said housing; (c) at least one waveguide passage in said rotor;
- (d) said housing having ports formed therein so that in a first position of said rotor, said waveguide passage connects said ports and in a second position of said rotor, said waveguide passage is unconnected to said ports, said housing having a channel formed therein;
- (e) a power absorbing element positioned and secured within said channel, a side of said power absorbing element being aligned with one of the inner radius of the housing and the outer radius of the rotor being capable of absorbing electromagnetic energy in said frequency range, said power absorbing element and channel positioned adjacent to one end of said waveguide passage and aligned therewith when said rotor is in said second position, to change the boundary conditions for said waveguide passage in said second position so as to reduce the tendency of said waveguide passage to act as a volume resonator when said rotor is in said second position.

Drawings

Figure 1 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g).

Figure 1 is disclosed as prior art (page 4).

Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required on or before the payment of the issue fee to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 – 17 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: It is the position of the Examiner that the prior art neither teaches or suggest the limitations of the claims. In particular, the power absorbing element has now been defined comprising a material other than air (Hettalge, Mayer and some embodiments of Spinner). Furthermore, the position of Applicants power absorbing element (118) has been defined to be secured in the channel (116) and comprise a side aligned with the inner portion of the housing (102 – Fig. 2) or the outer portion of the rotor (214 – Figs. 8 – 9D) where elements of Spinner are circular, are recessed in the channel, and are not aligned with the either the inner radius of the housing (1) or outer radius of the rotor (4) where Spinner provides no motivation to do so or would have been obvious.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dean O. Takaoka whose telephone number is (571) 272-1772. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30a - 5:00p Mon - Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pascal can be reached on (571) 272-1769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.


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September 28, 2007

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/787,312	GOROVOY ET AL.
Examiner	Art Unit	
Dean O. Takaoka	2817	

All Participants:

(1) Dean O. Takaoka.

Status of Application: _____

(3) _____.

(2) Isis E Caulder.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 28 September 2007

Time: _____

Type of Interview:

- Telephonic
 Video Conference
 Personal (Copy given to: Applicant Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: Yes No

If Yes, provide a brief description: _____

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

35 U.S.C. 102 and 103

Claims discussed:

1,12

Prior art documents discussed:

Hettlage, Mayer and Spinner

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
 It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: It was the position of the Examiner that the amendments and arguments contained in Applicant's amendment dated August 23, 2007 were not persuasive and did not patentably distinguish over the prior art of record. It was agreed to further define independent claims 1 and 12 to further distinguish Applicant's features over the applied prior art of record. It was agreed changes would be made by Examiner's amendment in order to place the claims in condition for allowance.